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2026 FORM FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

NBI Name Support for Rent Control Ballot Initiative			Date and Time 3/10/2026 3:13
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According to the MTA Standing/Special Rules:
With the exception of items on the agenda, all substantive motions shall be submitted in writing to the Presiding Officer.

MOTION

MOVED:

The MTA will commit \$1 million dollars from a combination of reserves (MTAB and/or MTA) and the Public Relations and Organizing budget to support rent control ballot initiatives in Massachusetts. MTA will mobilize members and staff around this campaign through November of 2026.

SUBMITTER’S RATIONALE:

The cost of housing is one of the biggest challenges facing our own members, and the families of our students. While Beacon Hill has launched a series of programs to expand the number of housing units being built, the legislature has done little to address the skyrocketing cost of rents for working people. Rent control, which would slow the growth in rent to no more than 5% a year for most rental units, would immediately help workers who are spending 30, 40, or even 50% of their paychecks in monthly rent. The crisis of affordability is real. Stopping the accelerating profiteering from people’s homes is one of the most important ways we can make life more livable for our members – especially our ESP members – and our students and their families. It is possible that the rent control initiative will not go all the way to the ballot. MTA’s commitment of funds will signal to the real estate industry that the rent control advocates have a powerful backer in the state’s largest union. It could very well help reach an agreement in the legislature that housing rights advocates will deem an important victory.

SUBMITTER’S COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE:

\$0 dues impact, but budgetary implications due to the use of reserves

DUES IMPACT (For MTA use only):

\$0

MTA COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE (For MTA use only):
\$1,000,000, 1,000 hours